

REMARKS

Examiner Edell is thanked for the courtesies extended during the Office Interview on July 27, 2004.

The Interview Summary is believed to be a complete and proper summary of the substance of the Interview, wherein the attached amendments were discussed and wherein Examiner Edell agreed that amended Claims 1, 2, 9, 22, 23 and 36, and thus the dependent claims therefrom, appear to distinguish over the prior art.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1-10 and 12-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,383,708 to Nagasaka et al., the rejection of Claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,605,375 to Friedrich et al., and the rejection of Claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagasaka et al. is hereby requested.

New Claims 29-35 depend from Claim 22. New Claims 37-44 depend from Claim 36. Each of these dependent claims is allowable for at least the same reason as the claims from which they depend, as well as for their additional limitations, and such is respectfully requested.

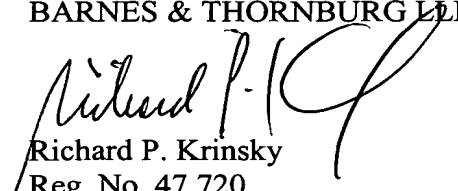
In view of all of the above, Claims 1-44 are now in condition for allowance and such is hereby requested.

In view of all of the above, the Application is now in condition for allowance and such is hereby requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (20341/71956).

Respectfully submitted,

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